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In response to the Final Office Action dated June 14, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on September 14, 2006. please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.